

#1

Every year forest fires cost Ontario taxpayers approximately:

- (a) One million dollars (b) Twenty million dollars
(c) Six million dollars

A restricted Fire Zone means:

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in the area
(b) No one is allowed in the area because of the fire danger
(c) Campfires are temporarily banned

Smoking while you walk in the woods is:

- (a) Unhealthy (b) Dangerous (c) Illegal (d) All of the above

In Ontario, in an average year, how many forest fires are caused by children playing with matches?

- (a) 50 (b) 20 (c) 140

It is hazardous to pile stones around your campfire because:

- (a) The hot rocks will start a fire
(b) The stones could hide a live ember that could continue to burn even after you think you've extinguished the fire
(c) The rocks around the campfire will force sparks up into the tree tops
(d) All of the above

Failure to comply with any section of the Forest Fires Prevention Act of Ontario can result in:

- (a) A \$1000 fine (b) Three months in jail
(c) Liability for fire fighting costs (d) All of the above

ANSWERS

1 (b), 2 (c), 3 (d), 4 (c), 5 (b), 6 (d).



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#4

The four main sources of man-caused forest fires in Ontario are: smoking materials, campfires, children playing with matches and debris burning.

- (a) True (b) False

The Fire Season in Ontario lasts from:

- (a) May 1st to June 15th (b) April 1st to October 31st
(c) March 15th to November 30th

During the Fire Season in Ontario, from April 1st to October 31st, you must obtain a fire permit before setting a fire for any reason other than cooking or warmth. How much does a fire permit cost?

- (a) \$2.50 (b) \$5.00 (c) No charge

No person shall throw or drop a lighted match, cigarette, cigar or other smoking material, live coals or hot ashes during the Fire Season in or within:

- (a) 15 feet of a forest or woodland
(b) 1,000 feet of a forest or woodland
(c) 500 feet of a forest or woodland

In a restricted fire zone it is illegal to have a campfire, even though it has rained heavily the day before.

- (a) True (b) False

If you leave a fire unattended you can:

- (a) cause a forest fire
(b) be charged under the Forest Fires Prevention Act
(c) both of the above

ANSWERS

1 (a), 2 (b), 3 (c), 4 (b), 5 (a), 6 (c).

How much
do you really know
about forest fires?

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Test yourself with these four forest fire quizzes.

Statistics would seem to show that we don't know as much as we think we do about fire prevention, because every year people continue to be a major cause of forest fire losses throughout Ontario. That's why it might be a good idea to test your knowledge of the causes, cures, and costs of forest fires in terms of dollars, lost recreational areas, personal and private property. Take the quizzes in this folder one at a time. Read the questions carefully, and tick the answer you think is correct. When you're finished, check your answers against the right ones at the bottom of the page. After you've completed all four, add up your correct answers and rate yourself accordingly.

Ratings:

20-24 correct — you sure know your stuff

15-20 correct — above average

0-15 correct — you can pick up a copy of the Forest Fire Prevention Act from your nearest Ministry Office.

Elaboration on any of the short answers given here is available from your local Fire Warden or any office of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The more you know about forest fires and the Ontario Forest Fire Prevention Act, the better you'll be able to help us keep Ontario green.



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#2

On the average, how many forest fires occur in Ontario every year?

- (a) 200 (b) 800 (c) 1500

During the fire season, from April 1 to October 31, when no additional restrictions are in effect, which of the following is true:

- (a) All fires are illegal (b) The fire danger is extremely high
(c) A permit is required for any fire not used for cooking or warmth

It is illegal to smoke while walking or working in the woods. When you wish to smoke you must:

- (a) select a safe area, sit down, enjoy your smoke, then carefully extinguish your cigarette, pipe or cigar
(b) sit down, and when finished, discard your smoking material by throwing it away in the immediate area
(c) walk slowly, carefully watching the glowing end of your cigar, cigarette or pipe to prevent hot ashes from falling

When operating a power saw in the forest, which of the following is illegal?

- (a) Starting a power saw within 10 feet of the place where it is fueled
(b) Operating a power saw without having handy a fire extinguisher in working condition
(c) Placing a power saw which is operating or hot on any flammable material
(d) All of the above

During the fire season, a fire permit is required before igniting fireworks within 1000 feet of a forest or woodland.

- (a) True (b) False

Which of the following groups report the largest number of wildfires in Ontario each year:

- (a) Ontario Provincial Police
(b) Aircraft fire detection observers (c) The general public

ANSWERS

1 (c), 2 (c), 3 (a), 4 (d), 5 (a), 6 (c).

#3

What percentage of forest fires in Ontario every year are man-caused, and therefore preventable?

- (a) 70-80 per cent (b) 50-60 per cent (c) Less than 50 per cent

Which of the following groups usually causes more fires than the other two combined?

- (a) Hunters (b) Fishermen (c) Picnickers

Throwing lighted smoking material from a car window within 1000 feet of a forested area is:

- (a) dangerous (b) illegal (c) irresponsible (d) all of the above

What are the main causes of fires started by fishermen?

- (a) Smoking materials and campfires
(b) Portable stoves and smoking materials
(c) Outboard motors and smoking materials

During the Fire Season you must obtain a fire permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources before setting a fire for any reason other than cooking or warmth.

- (a) True (b) False

The safest time of the day to burn grass or debris is when humidity is highest and winds lowest, which is usually:

- (a) just before lunch (b) mid afternoon
(c) early morning or evening

ANSWERS

1 (a), 2 (b), 3 (d), 4 (a), 5 (a), 6 (c).